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February 2.—'The Evolution of the Sense of Hearing.' Professor George H. Parker.

February 9.—'Africa, from Sea to Center.' Mr. Herbert L. Bridgman.

February 16.—'Total Solar Eclipses and their Significance.' Professor Charles S. Hastings.

February 23.—'Florida Bird-Life, with special reference to the Life History of the Brown Pelican.' Mr. Frank M. Chapman.

March 2.—'The Wheat Country of the Northwest.' Dr. Claude F. Walker.

March 9.—'How the Metal Calcium was isolated; a Story of Chemical Progress.' Professor Edgar F. Smith.

March 16.—'The Colorado Canyon and its Lessons.' Professor William M. Davis.

March 23.—'Botanizing among the American Indians.' Mr. Frederick V. Coville.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

The Pennsylvania College for Women in Pittsburg, has been making a resolute struggle to pay off a mortgage indebtedness of over \$60,000 resting upon its property, and to make a beginning in securing an endowment. \$40,000 were pledged to the latter purpose in case \$150,000 should be subscribed by January 1, 1906. The necessary subscriptions have been secured, and, after the mortgage has been paid, the college will possess as the nucleus of an endowment fund the sum of \$125,000. It has a fine landed property and good buildings.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie has promised to contribute \$50,000 toward the endowment fund of Bates College when \$100,000 shall have been raised for the same purpose by friends of the college.

The University of Pennsylvania received last month an anonymous gift of \$50,000.

Lake Forest University has received \$30,-000 for a dormitory and the same sum for a commons.

The University of Wisconsin has received a bequest of \$10,000 by the will of the late Mrs. Fannie Parker Lewis, for the establishment of scholarships for young women students in need of financial aid.

Mr. John Feeney bequeathed sums amounting to £89,000 towards various institutions

and objects connected with Birmingham and district. These include Birmingham Art Gallery, £50,000; University of Birmingham, £20,000, and the General Hospital, £10,000. The bequest to the university is for the purpose of maintaining a professor, with suitable equipment, lecturing on some one or more scientific subjects directly connected with some one or more of the trades and industries carried on in or near Birmingham.

SIR DONALD CURRIE'S offer of £20,000 to Queen's College, Belfast, on condition that a similar sum was raised locally, has met with a satisfactory response. The president of the college has announced that the conditions have been more than complied with, and that with the amount secured previously the sum now stands at over £70,000.

The senate of London University invites applications for the professorship of protozoology, established by means of funds offered by the Royal Society and the Rhodes trustees, through the colonial secretary. The salary attached to the chair will be £750 per annum.

At the annual meeting of the trustees of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, on January 2, at the rooms of the State Board of Agriculture, Kenyon L. Butterfield, president of the Rhode Island College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, was elected to fill the vacancy in the presidency at Amherst caused by the death of Henry H. Goodell. He will assume his duties in July.

The regents of the University of Wisconsin have arranged for State Forester E. M. Griffith to deliver a course of lectures on forestry before the students of the university.

Dr. Walter Mulford, last year instructor in Yale University, has been made assistant professor of forestry in the University of Michigan.

M. Barbillion has been appointed professor of technical physics in the University of Grenoble.

Dr. Karl Chun, professor of zoology in the University of Leipzig, has declined a call to Berlin.